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## **Quincy Man Charged with Meth and Marijuana Offenses**

Peoria, IL – Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury today charged Robert S. McIntire, age 40, of 522 Jackson Street, Quincy, Illinois, with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and producing marijuana.

The indictment alleges that McIntire possessed methamphetamine at his home on May 3, 2005. In his basement, McIntire allegedly had a wall safe which contained \$10,360 in U.S. currency and a hide-a-can, an aerosol can with a removable bottom and labeling for a commercial product. The hide-a-can allegedly contained 74 individually wrapped packages of methamphetamine, each stamped with the picture of a blue devil's face. The indictment further alleges, also on May 3, 2005, that McIntire's residence had 125 marijuana plants growing indoors in containers.

If convicted, each offense, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and manufacture of marijuana, carries a mandatory minimum statutory penalty of five years in prison up to 40 years. If a defendant has a prior felony drug conviction, the mandatory minimum statutory penalty is 10 years in prison to life.

The case was investigated by the Quincy Police Department, Illinois State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Childress is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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